

**PARISH OF ST. LANDRY,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of St. Landry is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	78,476	2,683,516
1960	81,493	3,257,022
1970	80,364	3,644,637
1980	84,128	4,205,900
1990	80,331	4,219,973
1991	80,591	4,251,560
1992	81,311	4,287,195
1993	81,494	4,295,477
1994	81,772	4,315,085
1995	81,939	4,339,352
1996	82,237	4,350,579
1997	82,705	4,351,769
1998	82,392	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of St. Landry are as follows:

YEAR	ARNAUD VILLE	CANK TON	EUNICE	GRAN COUTEAU	KROTZ SPRINGS	LEON VILLE	MEL VILLE	OPELOU SAS	PAL METTO	PORT BARRE	SUN SET	WASH INGTON
1960	1,082		11,326	1,165	1,057	526	1,939	17,417	430	1,876	1,307	1,291
1970	1,550	260	11,278	1,301	1,435	512	1,987	20,387	312	2,133	1,675	1,473
1980	1,530	303	12,258	1,165	1,374	1,143	1,764	18,903	327	2,625	2,300	1,266
1990	1,291	323	10,942	1,118	1,285	825	1,562	18,151	229	2,144	2,201	1,253
1991	1,362	326	11,034	1,117	1,299	834	1,562	18,082	229	2,137	2,229	1,253
1992	1,365	322	11,102	1,116	1,324	859	1,601	18,268	229	2,143	2,232	1,257
1993	1,386	327	11,158	1,123	1,382	875	1,597	19,326	235	2,143	2,260	1,269
1994	1,389	341	11,226	1,125	1,382	892	1,597	19,429	232	2,143	2,277	1,274
1995	1,389	341	11,258	1,145	1,450	921	1,630	19,540	232	2,143	2,353	1,274
1996	1,391	365	11,258	1,132	1,450	923	1,636	19,659	232	2,143	2,358	1,278
1997	1,391	365	11,258	1,127	1,467	945	1,636	19,764	232	2,160	2,348	1,291
1998	1,391	365	11,086	1,128	1,495	972	1,612	19,790	234	2,170	2,369	1,304

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$11,817	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$12,283	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$13,011	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$14,097	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$15,071	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$15,407	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$16,426	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$17,523	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in St. Landry Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$365,388	\$123,286	\$23,460	\$56,036	\$8,074	\$59,700
1992	\$387,926	\$124,740	\$26,114	\$68,745	\$11,004	\$57,103
1993	\$404,834	\$125,297	\$27,689	\$74,681	\$11,466	\$62,242
1994	\$472,192	\$115,902	\$28,392	\$78,916	\$16,672	\$103,830
1995	\$508,832	\$125,072	\$30,392	\$79,825	\$19,816	\$123,012
1996	\$508,209	\$126,173	\$31,264	\$76,205	\$19,134	\$116,239
1997	\$513,308	\$126,406	\$26,763	\$79,383	\$19,380	\$123,320

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of St. Landry as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
ST. LANDRY PARISH	1.8		1.8	4	5.8
ARNAUDVILLE	1.8	2	3.8	4	7.8
CANKTON	1.8	1	2.8	4	6.8
EUNICE	1.8	2.2	4	4	8
GRAND COTEAU	1.8	1	2.8	4	6.8
KROTZ SPRINGS	1.8	1	2.8	4	6.8
MELVILLE	1.8	2.2	4	4	8
OPELOUSAS	1.8	2.2	4	4	8
PORT BARRE	1.8	2.2	4	4	8
SUNSET	1.8	1	2.8	4	6.8
WASHINGTON	1.8	1.2	3	4	7

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$53,004	\$54,146	\$56,855	\$61,122	\$63,352
February	\$39,338	\$36,937	\$44,037	\$44,202	\$49,484
March	\$36,608	\$39,405	\$42,813	\$44,601	\$51,195
April	\$51,727	\$47,119	\$49,455	\$55,513	\$62,223
May	\$40,753	\$42,971	\$47,032	\$52,456	\$57,390
June	\$41,778	\$45,229	\$46,457	\$51,871	\$55,747
July	\$49,745	\$50,762	\$55,188	\$56,879	\$65,084
August	\$40,758	\$43,845	\$38,008	\$51,188	\$54,583
September	\$42,538	\$45,098	\$49,834	\$54,235	\$55,529
October	\$47,573	\$47,770	\$47,248	\$57,009	\$53,050
November	\$40,469	\$41,759	\$45,177	\$52,504	\$52,072
December	\$39,725	\$38,515	\$42,960	\$48,755	\$49,753
Annual Total	\$524,017	\$533,555	\$565,062	\$630,334	\$669,462

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of St. Landry is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$177,023,720	\$66,783,950	\$243,807,670
1991	\$182,872,220	\$66,880,920	\$249,753,140
1992	\$185,167,140	\$67,353,660	\$252,520,800
1993	\$198,215,240	\$68,085,730	\$266,300,970
1994	\$194,760,420	\$69,802,690	\$264,563,110
1995	\$210,468,910	\$71,355,350	\$281,824,260
1996	\$219,619,450	\$73,561,610	\$293,181,060
1997	\$224,720,040	\$74,878,620	\$299,598,660
1998	\$227,918,780	\$77,597,180	\$305,515,960

Source: St. Landry Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$131,996,640	\$41,746,770	\$70,064,260
1991	\$132,481,080	\$61,376,520	\$55,895,540
1992	\$133,097,040	\$63,493,190	\$55,930,570
1993	\$135,921,430	\$72,823,500	\$57,556,040
1994	\$138,487,360	\$68,704,690	\$57,371,060
1995	\$140,633,490	\$77,696,800	\$63,493,970
1996	\$146,933,060	\$80,476,080	\$65,771,920
1997	\$151,374,960	\$81,563,220	\$66,660,480
1998	\$157,980,230	\$81,828,440	\$65,707,290

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of St. Landry follows:

Year	Millage
1990	45.37
1991	45.52
1992	45.13
1993	45.23
1994	44.50
1995	44.45
1996	43.85
1997	44.15
1998	44.15

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and St. Landry Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of St. Landry in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPELINE	\$32,689,110
2. VALERO ENERGY CORP	\$13,082,300
3. CENTRAL LOUISIANA ELECTRIC	\$7,579,180
4. BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$6,463,160
5. FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION CO	\$5,627,400
6. COLONIAL PIPELINE CO	\$5,623,910
7. SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA ELECTRIC	\$4,756,070
8. MARTCO PARTNERSHIP	\$4,750,660
9. TEXAS EASTERN TRANSMISSION	\$4,728,590
10. CENTURY TELEPHONE	\$2,778,120

Source: St. Landry Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the St. Landry Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	15,922	14,753	15,279	15,143
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	16,998	15,734	16,577	16,400
PUBLIC	17,897	16,981	16,785	16,581

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the St. Landry Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$24,460	\$25,961	\$25,790	\$27,079
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$4,016	\$4,122	\$4,367	\$4,510
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$994,237	\$257,728	\$105,479	\$6,633,494
DEBT SERVICE	\$2,572,299	\$3,502,815	\$3,693,398	\$4,537,625
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$68,268,606	\$70,094,097	\$71,565,711	\$74,920,738

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.